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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 12, 2000

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-5 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, and add the following claims in lieu thereof:

--6. A recording medium comprising:

a disk-like substrate;

at least one track being provided on the disk-like